§ 650.131 Procedures.

The hazardous chemical management procedures in this regulation are presented as preferred methods by which the requirements of the environmental standards and the objectives of DA policies can be achieved. If techniques other than the following are used, commanders will demonstrate in advance that the techniques to be employed will satisfy the environmental quality standard in this regulation or those established by the appropriate Federal, State, or local authority.

(a) All measures to prevent accidental pollution of the environment by uncontrolled release of hazardous chemicals to the air, water, or land environment will be taken by all Army activities.

(1) Installations storing, handling, or transferring hazardous chemicals will include within their Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan, procedures to prevent, control and report accidental releases of these substances to the environment. (See subpart I of this part, on requirements for SPCC plans).

(2) Effluent standards for toxic pollutants are found in 40 CFR part 129, and the designation of hazardous substances will be found in 40 CFR part 116.

(b) Storage facilities for chemicals (excluding pesticides) hazardous to health and welfare and detrimental to the environment, will be located according to the nature of the chemicals, storage site, protective enclosures, and operating procedures. Adequate measures will be taken for inventorying chemicals semiannually, for controlling hazards, and for monitoring the environment.

(c) Appropriate safety materials and protective clothing and equipment will be kept on hand for emergency treatment, decontamination, cleanup, and for area warning signs and labels.

(d) No hazardous chemical, or its container, which will cause adverse effects on the environment, will be used or disposed of in a manner inconsistent with instructions on its label or inconsistent with use or disposal procedures established by Federal, State, or local laws or regulations.

(e) Ultimate disposal of unserviceable and excess hazardous chemical stocks.

(1) Hazardous chemical stocks that are unserviceable and/or have been declared excess to DA requirements will be reported to the local Defense Property Disposal Office (DPDO) for merchandising. The stocks will remain the property of the generating agency until ultimate disposal.

(2) Disposal of hazardous chemical stocks on which DPDO disposition cannot be obtained may be made by contract with commercial firms, provided it is in accordance with appropriate Federal, State, or local laws and regulations and the commercial firm is licensed or otherwise approved to dispose of the chemical stocks by the appropriate authorities.

(3) Disposal guidance can be obtained from the Commander, US Army Edgewood Arsenal who, in conjunction with Commander, US Army Environmental Hygiene Agency, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010, will provide data. Requests for disposal guidance should include Federal Stock Number (FSN), full nomenclature, appropriate military specification or standard indicated on label, quantity of issue, total quantity of issue, total quantity requiring disposal (pounds, gallons, liters, etc.), and condition of containers.

(4) Commanders of installations and activities who are responsible for disposing of hazardous chemicals will maintain records indicating quantities of hazardous chemicals disposed of, disposal method used, and disposal site location (e.g. removal of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) from transformers).

(f) The transport of dangerous or hazardous chemicals is subject to the provision of Pub. L. 91–121 (50 U.S.C. 1511–1516) and AR 55–56. Chapter 216, AR 55–355 requires DA compliance with CFR title 14 (air transportation), Title 49 (highway and rail transportation), and title 46 (water transportation). Further, AR 55–228 governs water transport of hazardous materials and TM 38–250 prescribes the provisions for the transportation of dangerous materials by military aircraft.

(g) Immediate short-term (30 minutes or less) emergency assistance on a chemical spill transportation problem may be obtained by calling Chem Trec